

SOUTH SHORE SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE NEWSLETTER

Results for July 27, 2025

Byrne 20, Thorne 9	WP Maher	HRS Tobin (Cycle), McLeish (2), Dunphy
Grasso 12, Goose 5	WP Introne	HR Pasini
Spooner 19, Hockman 5	WP Spooner	HRS Martinelli, Rix

<u>Standings</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>RF/Ave.</u>	<u>RA/Ave.</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
Spooner	14	0	0	221/15.8	128/9.1	1.000
Byrne	10	4	0	203/14.5	160/11.4	.714
Hockman	7	7	0	182/13	191/13.6	.500
Grasso	5	9	0	159/11.4	201/14.4	.357
Thorne	4	9	1	188/13.4	193/13.8	.286
Goose	1	12	1	161/11.5	215/15.4	.071

Home Runs Brenton 7. Sylvester 6. LeMieux, Dunphy, Higgins, McLeish 5. Thorne, Pasini 4; Rinaldi, Higgins, Pasini 3. G.Fallon, LoBosco, Pollard, Ackerman, Tobin 2. Brosnan, Belval, O'Donnell, White, Morris, Gilman, Cusick, Murray, Olivieri, Collotta, Sweeney, Marino, Rix, Martinelli, Cobin: 1 each.

Pitching Wins Spooner 14. Maher 10. Hockman 7. Meade, Introne 4. Fegreus, Robbins 1. One tie game, no winner.

Good day at the plate **Four Hits:** Chris Tobin (HR and the third cycle of the season), Pasini (HR), Alan Swiman. **Three Hits:** Byrne (2=), Maher (=), Doherty, Marshall, McLeish (2 HR), DJ (=), Gautreau, Chisolm (=, triple), Rinaldi (=), Introne, Marston. **Two Hits:** Cobin, Delnickas, Grossman, Marino (SF, BB), Dunphy (HR), Olivieri (=), Giannangelo, Belval (=), Martinelli (HR), Rix (HR), Spooner (triple), Wood, Mazzone, Heffernan, Parks, Bryer, Nielsen, Mann, Higgin, Gibson, Grasso.

Good day in the field **Billy Thorne** at SF for tracking down a bunch of balls on the right side. **Bill Cusick** made a "perfect throw" to **Goose** to nail the runner at home. In two consecutive innings, the Goose team made two duplicate DPs, **Rinaldi to Clifford to Gilman. Leo O'Donnell, John Nielsen, and Kirk Anderson** for all-around defensive prowess. **Brad Robbins** in RCF made a nice diving catch on a inking LD. **Bruce Wood** for putting the finishing touch on an outfield assist from **Mike Pasini** in LF through **Mike Martinelli** at SS. **Pete Belval** for a going-back catch on a liner at SF. **Bill Spooner** forknowcking down a screecher and then making the throw to first to nip the runner.

Funky rule incident At the Goose/Grasso game, to quote **Coach Goose**, “someone’s glove went up in the air.” The umpire awarded three bases to the players on base and to the batter. After a little gentlemanly discussion, the call stood, and, to quote the inimitable Goose, “no noses were out of joint.” In his game report, Goose cited the rule, 5.06(4)(c), which states three bases are awarded only if the glove hits the ball. Oops!

Not Again! We had another player hit for the cycle today. Chris Tobin. We’ve had eight cycles in two seasons, and three this year. You guys are going to start thinking you’re pretty good at this game.

Coach Comments **Assistant Gary Marino** credited **Dan “the Antelope” Brosnan** with two great plays, one going back deep in LCF, the other charging in at full speed, both robbing batters of hits. Gary also praised **Hollywood Kelly** for making a put out while lying on his butt and a “nifty” flip to nab a runner, and added Frank was cut from the Savannah Bananas, but only because of “bad dancing.” Finally, Gary touted Len Perreault’s outstanding play at third despite Len’s suffering with kidney stones. Len was concerned that he might not be able to last the entire game, but he did and made several outstanding plays. Gary has bestowed the nickname of “Stones” on Len. That’s what’s known as a *double entendre*. **Coach Hock** thanks **Ron Cologna** for filling in, and waxed philosophical with “Whatever can go wrong, will go wrong and it’s usually at the worst possible time,” but then added “Things can always be worse,” and *then* added “Two aphorisms which define the day for us.” **Assistant Bruce Sylvester** thanks Brad Robbins for subbing, and pointed out that Spooner’s first five batters in the game all got hits and all scored runs.

On This Date in 2008 **Joe Dominico** pitched an 8-0 shutout. During the previous week we received an email from **John Bonner** informing us he had his gall bladder *moved*; he did not mention where in his body he had it moved to. **Tom Edwards** announced he’d be stepping down as co-commissioner at the end of the season; he was eventually ably replaced by **John Mann**. **Dave Joseph** broke his foot in an EMass game, and we found out that **Dick Mazzone** was going to have his knee scraped; the newsletter quipped that Dickie was also having “voice reduction surgery.” **Coach Art LeMay** issued a protest against **Coach Dave Hockman’s** team after an 8-3 loss. Team wins were 11, 9, 8, 6, 6, and 5.

Answers to last week’s quiz: **Rich McLeish** has led in HR four times, from 2016 through 2019. **Ken Schneider** led three times, 2009 through 2011. **Mike Giannangelo** led twice, 2007 and

2012. And **Billy Thorne** led twice, 2014 when he was tied with Dave Gilman at 9 HRs, and in 2021.

Other still-active players who have led the league include Bob Clifford the Younger in 2006, Dave Gilman in 2014, current frequent substitute player John Jordan in 2020, Greg Fallon in 2023, and Bruce Sylvester last year.

Nobody replied with guesses, so no free hot dogs for anyone at the cookout.